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22 December 2019

**Fourth  
Sunday of  
Advent  
Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the prophet Isaiah (7:10-14)*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered, 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 121)

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory**

- The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R)
- Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)
- He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God- is-with-us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-24)*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

**Memorial Acclamation:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 21 December, 6:30pm**

- For the souls of Huynh Thi My, Le Phu Cuong, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.

**Sunday 22 December 2019 7:15am**

- Birthday Blessings for Stuart Ting
- For the soul of Wilma and Albert D'Cruz

**Sunday 22 December 2019 9:00am**

- For the souls of Clare Fuller and Domenico Murace on the anniversary of their death.

**Tuesday 24 December 2019 6:00pm**

- For the friends of the suffering souls

**Thursday 26 December 2019 6:00pm**

- For the soul of Patrick Rainsford

**Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office**

## PASTORAL CORNER

The Gospel of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent speaks of an event in Mary's life that is very different from the ordinary. Her acceptance of the will of God for her provides an example of obedience that has inspired the lives of thousands of people down through the years. She is the perfect model of the perfect Christian. Accepting her call in life as God's will for her, accepting with joy, having faith and hope in the favourable outcome of this divine intervention in her life, without understanding or questioning. Like Mary, Joseph followed the will of God after he has a dream where the angel of the Lord comes to him and tells him to take Mary to his home. Well might we draw an example for our own behaviour from that of the mother and father of Jesus. How often we question and worry away at something we are told to do. How often we argue against some decision that we dislike or that inconveniences us, unwilling just to accept and live with it. Mary's & Joseph's example is to do the opposite. Accept and live with whatever life gives.

### PRAYER OF ST. EMILIE

St. Emilie, Good and generous labourer of the Gospel. You who were attentive to the call of the Spirit in the church and reached out to all peoples regardless of religion, race or colour, give us this spirit to reach out in love, so as to reveal by our lives the infinite love of the Father for all humanity. ***St. Emilie, pray for us. AMEN***

### PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

**Weekend Mass:** Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.15am, 9am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass:** Tues-Fri: 6pm

**Wednesday morning Mass:** 9am (Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

**Adoration & Rosary:** Tue: 9 - 10am

**Legion Of Mary:** Every Wed after Morning Mass

**PIETY STALL:** Available once again the book GOD'S WORD 2020 and the Columban Calendars 2020, we also have the Catholic Art Calendars at \$5 each. In support of SVDP we have Christmas cards in packets of five for \$1 each. A few Nativity sets are also available. Please feel free to browse, your continuous support is very much appreciated.

**St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes:** The RE Program is now closed for 2019. Classes will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We will be offering Enrolment opportunities in late Jan and the times and dates will be advertised in the Bulletin in due course, as well as being emailed to families already participating in the Program. Enquiries: Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au).

**Adoration Hour In Recess:** The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will be in recess between 17 December 2019 and 7 January, 2020. It will resume again on Tuesday, 14 January. A very holy and joyful Christmas and a blessed 2020 is wished to all members.

**Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation** The Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Legislation in Western Australia passed through State Parliament and was announced on Tuesday 10 December 2019. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Response and the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Media Office Statement are now available on the Archdiocesan Website for your perusal. [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au) Copies of those Statements are available at the door of the church.

**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you to parishioners who have taken tags to purchase presents and we remind they need to be returned to the Church by **Sunday the 15th December**. We are also asking for assistance with special Christmas treat foods like Christmas puddings, mince pies, biscuits, tins of ham, fruit or vegetables etc). God bless you all for your generosity and kindness. **SVDP** are also urgently in need of donations and need your help again. As you know by donating your good quality clothes, books, furniture and home wares you are making a positive difference. You are supporting people less fortunate as well as actively helping the environment by reducing landfill. To arrange pick up, please contact **Rod and Rosemary Thompson** on **0409 298 254** or email [depot.orders@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:depot.orders@svdpwa.org.au).

**Christmas Break:** The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 26 December until Wednesday 8 January 2020.

**Thank You** A big thank you to Lloyd, the Social Committee, the choirs, all those who provided foods and all those who behind the scene assisted in making our recent Parish Carols Nite a most enjoyable event. May the Lord continue to bless our Parish Community with much joy and Peace.

*Noel... Noel...*

Fr Jean-Noel, Fr Chien and Fr Patricio would like to wish all our Parishioners and their loved ones a very **JOYEUX NOEL**. As we look back over this past year we give thanks for the Lord's providence and we look forward with confidence and trust to another year of grace.

### CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2019

#### **Tuesday, December 24**

Family Mass at 6.00pm (Carols at 5.30pm)  
Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.30pm)

#### **Wednesday, December 25**

Mass at 7.15am  
Mass at 9.00am (Carols at 8.30am)  
**NO** 5pm Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, December 28** - Mass at 6.30pm

**Sunday, December 29**

Mass at 7.15am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

**Tuesday, December 31** – New Year's Eve  
Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.00pm

#### **Wednesday, January 01**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Mass at 9.00am





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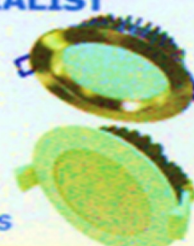


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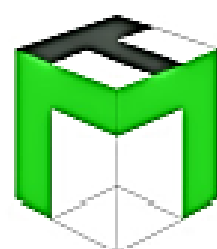
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